

State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1997.

Florence K. Murray, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1998.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Melissa T. Skolfield, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Darcy E. Bradbury, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Hollis S. McLoughlin.

David A. Lipton, of Massachusetts, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

#### THE JUDICIARY

Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term expiring fifteen years after he takes office.

Bruce D. Black, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, vice Juan Guerrero Burciaga.

Hugh Lawson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia vice Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.

Patricia A. Gaughan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio vice Ann Aldrich.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ralph R. Johnson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.

#### FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Donald S. Wasserman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2000.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Jeffrey R. Shafer, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

#### STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Tommy Edward Jewell, III, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1995.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

David C. Williams, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration. (New Position)

#### THE JUDICIARY

Joan A. Lenard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Barbara S. Jones, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Bernice B. Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

C. Lynwood Smith, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

IN THE COAST GUARD, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Coast Guard nominations beginning John D. Cook, and ending Charles T. Lancaster, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 5, 1995

Coast Guard nominations beginning James E. Bussey, III, and ending Scott L. Krammes, which nominations were received by the Sen-

ate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 1995

Coast Guard nomination of Jordan D. Isaac, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 1995

Coast Guard nomination beginning Kurt J. Colella, and ending George J. Rezendes, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 1995

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Nominations beginning Andrew M. Snella, and ending Jennifer D. Garte, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 13, 1995

Public Health Service nominations beginning Patricia A. Berry, and ending Catherine I. Woodhouse, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 1995

#### NOMINATION OF JOSEPH H. GALE TO BE A JUDGE ON THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise to congratulate Joseph H. Gale of Virginia, who has just been confirmed by the Senate to be a judge on the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years. Mr. Gale, who is well known to Members of the Senate, has been a good friend and trusted counsel to the Senator from New York for 11 years now. He joined my personal staff in 1985 as Tax Counsel, just in time for the fundamental restructuring of the tax code in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, with which he was intimately involved. Since then he has been a major force in the development and passage of literally every piece of tax legislation considered by the Congress.

In 1993, Mr. Gale became Chief Tax Counsel for the Senate Committee on Finance, and in that capacity took a leading role in the drafting, and ultimately in the enactment, of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. In 1995, he became our Minority Staff Director.

Three weeks ago, when Mr. Gale appeared before the Finance Committee for his confirmation hearing, Senators from both sides of the aisle praised him highly for his professionalism, his unmatched knowledge of tax law and the legislative process, and his dedication to public service. At least one Senator attended the hearing solely for the purpose of making a statement in support of Joe Gale's nomination, and Chairman ROTH took the opportunity to declare that only our former Chairman Lloyd Bentsen got through the Committee more easily.

Mr. President, I am pleased and gratified that the Senate has confirmed Mr. Gale to be a United States Tax Court Judge. He is superbly qualified for this position, and I know he will be an outstanding jurist. Finally, I thank Joe Gale for his 11 years of distinguished service to the Senate, and I wish him well in his new career as a member of the Federal judiciary.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

#### RECESS UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I first wish my colleague from Kentucky a merry Christmas.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, may I also wish my distinguished friend and colleague from Virginia a merry Christmas, a happy new year, and a successful 1996.

Let me say, Mr. President, also, that we thank you for being here. It is late. Everybody else basically has gone home. We are here trying to do the Government's and the institution's business.

Let me thank the staff because if they were not here and dedicated we would have a difficult time getting through.

So I want the record to show that we appreciate the staff and all their work.

I thank my friend.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I further join with my friend in expressing appreciation to the staff present in the Chamber, and throughout the Senate, the considerable infrastructure that is required, as we well know.

I now ask that the Senate stand in recess, under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:54 p.m., recessed until Saturday, December 23, 1995, at 11 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 22, 1995:

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ALVIN L. ALM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT), VICE THOMAS P. GRUMBLY.

##### THE JUDICIARY

EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR., OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, VICE CARL B. RUBIN, DECEASED.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 22, 1995:

##### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

GRETA JOY DICUS, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1998.

##### NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

HUGHEY WALKER, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 1996.

##### NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

ERNEST W. DUBESTER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 1998.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

PATRICIA J. BENEKE, OF IOWA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

##### UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

CHARLES WILLIAM BURTON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 24, 1996.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ELUID LEVI MARTINEZ, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION.